Then And Now

By Frances H. Paulette

School Was Fun In '91!!

Buck Creek School.....1891; note the hole in the corner of the building; one former student remembers hiding Easter Eggs in that hole!

Are you ready? Come on, let's go! Where? Oh, didn't I tell you? We're going on a visit to Buck Creek School. Of course, it is no longer in existence but that doesn't really matter because we have a source of information that is so accurate and interesting that it is almost like being there ourselves. Buck Creek School was built in the year 1874 but we're going to visit in the year 1891.....the very same year that our source of information, Mr. Crawford Davidson began his schooling there.

Mr. Davidson, a retired banker and civic leader is 93 years young. He began school at the age of 6 at Buck Creek School and continued his education there until he reached the age of sixteen, at which time he left, having absorbed about all of the knowledge the school and the teacher had to offer.

Schools were not graded in that day; a student went through readers and subjects progressing from one level to another whenever the teacher thought he or she was ready for advancement. When the student began repeating himself, then it was time to leave school.....you had learned it all!!

There was no 'real' road leading to Buck Creek School, just a kind of wide path, half road. Walking to and from school each day was the accepted thing back THEN. It evidently had long-reaching consequences that were highly beneficial.....Mr. Davidson, despite his 93 years, walks two miles every day, weather permitting.

Mr. Davidson, affectionately known to his family members as "Taw", remembers clearly every detail about school days at Buck Creek School.

Miss Ida Stratton was his teacher and a very thorough one at that. Despite her capability as a teacher, Mr. Davidson disliked English with a passion! History and geography, however, were his favorite subjects.

In 1891 school began in October and continued through April. On the planned first day of school, if there were not at least 20 students present, the opening would be postponed until a few days later. They kept trying for an opening day until a total of 20 students showed up. It was not unusual for several attempts to be made before school finally got underway.

Not only did Mr. Davidson and other farm boys like him have chores to do on the family farms before leaving for school, there were chores to be done once they arrived at school. We had to be surprised into the building to provide heat and when his pants were lowered an inch or two!

When Mr. Davidson was going to school there were three other young people in his family going at the same time. This made for a bit of fun on the walk to and from school, but not always so much fun when it came time for lunch. You see, the four children from the Davidson family shared a lunch packed in a bucket. Sometimes an older brother got more than his share of the lunch.....especially pie! Oh, well, so Crawford Davidson didn't always get his pie, sometimes there was an extra sausage biscuit in that bucket!

You can see, can't you, that school THEN was quite a bit different from school NOW. There is one thing for sure, the education that a young person received THEN, in a small country school, prepared that person to take his or her place in life; many of them went on to become outstanding citizens, as is the case of Mr. Crawford Davidson. He began his banking career, at the age of 38, with the Bank of Appomattox and continued in the banking business for the next forty-two years, retiring at age 80. (The Bank of Appomattox later became Fidelity American Bank)

So, Buck Creek School may have been small, may not have had a 'real' road, lacked a grading system, yet it produced some special people. Whatever it took to prepare a young man to take his place as a responsible, respected citizen in his community, Buck Creek School had it. There's no doubt about that.

Thank you Mr. Davidson, for remembering, thank for you for sharing your wonderful memories with us and m ost of all we thank you for your contribution to our community!

ASCS TODAY

By Tom Conrad

ASCS Changes Tobacco Programs - Major changes have been made in the burley and flue-cured tobacco marketing quota programs to discourage farmers from overproducing.

Beginning with the 1979 crops, storage of producer carryover tobacco through marketing agents will not be allowed. Farmers who agree not to harvest the four lower leaves will be permitted to plant 100 percent of their effective flue-cured allotments and still receive price support. For the 1978 crop, participating farmers were allowed to plant 120 percent of their allotments.

Producers will be required to report tobacco on hand at the end of the marketing season and dealers and buyers will have to submit supplemental reports of tobacco acquired by them but not included in their annual seasonal reports.

The carryover provision has stimulated the production of excess tobacco and has put a greater strain on the limited processing facilities in the marketing season. It has also been determined that only 10 percent additional acreage was required to offset the reduced yields resulting from not harvesting the four lower-stalk leaves.

Under the latest changes, May 1 would be the final date that flue-cured tobacco growers could file requests for lease and transfer of farm marketing quotas except when late filing was beyond the producer's control.

Burley tobacco growers in general will not be allowed to transfer a marketing quota both to and from a farm in the same year.

Details of these and other changes for the burley and flue-cured tobacco programs may be obtained from the ASCS office.

Farmers should pre-measure acreage - Farmers who use the ASCS premeasurement service prior to planting their spring crops will be guaranteed that the field sizes are known.

Pre-measuring is encouraged because it assures the farmer that is complying with wheat and feed grain set-aside programs of his acreage. The service is offered at cost by the ASCS county office and includes measuring, referencing and marking out fields with stakes prior to planting.

I encourage pre-measurement Because of what happened last year when some producers lost program benefits due to failure to fully comply with set-aside provisions.

Pre-measurement is especially useful prior to planting marketing quota crops such as flue-cured tobacco and fire-cured tobacco. Even in counties using aerial observation, flue-cured tobacco producers compliance.

After planting all program participants need to certify, or report their crop, set-aside and other program acres to the ASCS office.

Agricultural Conservation Program - The Appomattox County ASC Committee met last week and determined that the signup for the 1979 Agricultural Conservation Program be extended.

Originally the signup period ran from February 15 thru March 15, however due to the extension it will now run through April 15. If you are interested in conservation work on your farm beyond that which would be done with your own funds, you need to check on the program.

Program details can be obtained at the ASCS office or in the February Newsletter.

Crop Acreage Certification - Under ASCS policy for 1979, we are required to ask all producers to certify to their crop acreages. Those farmers that grow tobacco are required to certify in order to be eligible for price support. Farmers that gare participating in the set-aside programs need to certify in order to remain in the program and to be eligible for program benefits.

The following dates are the final dates farmers can certify and still be eligible for program benefits.

May 1 - Fall seeded crops
June 30 - Fire, Sun, Flue and Burley Tobacco, Spring seeded crops except Grain Sorghum and Soybeans.
July 15 - Grain Sorghum and Soybeans.

Set-Aside Meeting - On Thursday, March 22, there will be a meeting at John Barksdales' store in Red House to discuss the set-aside program. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and all farmers are invited to attend.

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"The South 40"

by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

Appomattox dairymen may not have the highest average milk production in the state, but they are doing some things right.

In 1978 Appomattox dairymen on DHIA (and these are the only ones who are able to measure what they are doing) ranked 4th from the top among Virginia counties in fewest days open. The goal is for every cow to have a 365-day calving interval. To achieve this takes close management. In 1978 Appomattox dairy cows averaged being open 121 days. 5.58% of cows culled was for reproduction purpose. Failure to get cows bred cost $ and these dollars can be measured. Loss per cow per year includes loss in production A.I. costs above 1.5 services, veterinary and medicine costs for problem cows, calf losses by not having a 365-day calving interval, and cost of replacing reproductive culls above 5% of the herd. Loss per herd per year is your "cow loss" times the "number of cows in your herd." Appomattox dairymen lost $63.70 per cow per year compared with $67.49 per cow for the average cow in Virginia. Appomattox loss per herd per year was the second lowest in the state with $2925.

Losses from 134,000 Grade A cows in Virginia amounts to the staggering sum of $9,043,860.

When planning for the 1979 farming year, remember that any investment that doesn't return 6% annually represents an erosion of capital.

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Ventilation of attics is absolutely necessary; with much additional insulation being added, it is important that attic ventilation not be blocked by new insulation. When planning insulation in homes with low-slope roofs, take care that a ventilation channel remains open. Houses with hip roofs frequently depend entirely on ventilation from openings under the eaves; metal ventilators located near ridge and back side may help improve ventilation of hip roof.

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As spring approaches the need for heavy heating is reduced. If your wood supply is low and you must burn green wood, select woods that have high fiber density and low water content when green. Best examples of woods with these characteristics are: ash, hickory, sugar maple and black cherry. Never allow fire to smolder, but split into smaller wood pieces and build small, hot, fast-burning fires until charcoal forms. Better yet, mix some dry wood along with the green.

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Sediment loss on cropland, resulting primarily from land erosion by water, is a major agricultural non-point source of pollution. One of the methods commonly used to avoid soil loss and run off is contour farming.

Contour farming involves the plowing, preparing, planting, and cultivating of land perpendicular to the slope of the land rather than parallel to it. For those areas of the land on which slopes are particularly steep, such practices as strip cropping, terracing or construction of diversions can combine with contour plowing to effectively reduce erosion.

Contour rows collect and hold water from rainfall and reduce run off, velocity, thus increasing the time for infiltration and reducing erosion. Water, therefore, does not wash sediments or nutrients (such as chemicals from fertilizer) directly into streams.

Contour farming is an effective practice in reducing erosion and controlling water run off, thereby embracing water quality and conserving soil.

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PRECIPITATION:

Last Week	.00
This Month	1.78
This Year	12.56

'Bring a Friend Sunday' To Be Observed At St. Anne's Church

On Sunday, March 25, 1979, St. Anne's Episcopal Church will observe their second 'Bring a Friend Sunday'.

On this particular Sunday the corporate worship will be specially designed to give persons unfamiliar with the Episcopal Church an understanding of the liturgy and the church. The service will be an "instructed" Eucharist. Each guest will be given a brochure which will briefly answer some of the most common questions about the church.

Each family in the church is requested to invite a friend to the special, observance.

If you would like to participate in the worship and learn more about the Episcopal church plan to be at St. Anne's at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 25.

A coffee hour will be held immediately following the service in Rose Hall.

Ladies Day At Promise Land

The Willing Workers Club of the Promise Land Baptist Church will present its Annual Ladies Day on Sunday, April 1 at 3 p.m. A special choir of the St. Paul's College, Lawrenceville, Virginia will be the special guest. The local club will conduct the devotions and extend the welcome. Local church clubs have been invited to attend.

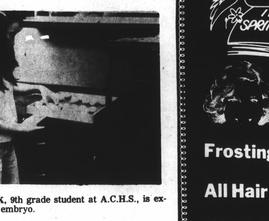
All sisters, members and friends are asked to attend regular preaching services this Sunday at 11 a.m.

Regular preaching service was held at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday morning at 11 a.m. The pastor delivered an inspiring sermon. Beautiful music was rendered by the church choirs.

Herbert E. Fleshman, Jr. left last week for Charleston, West. Virginia where he is employed by the Kroger Store, as a co-manager.

The Springfield Jr. Choir celebrated the anniversary last Sunday evening at 3 p.m. The special guest was the Rev. Sandridge and the Rapture Singers of Lynchburg, Virginia. The entire audience enjoyed the service. Remarks were given by the pastor Rev. J. R. Rose and the Rev. R. Q. Lawing.

MARY HUDSON, 9th grade student at A.C.H.S., is experimenting with acids and bases.



CINDY McCORMICK, 9th grade student at A.C.H.S., is experimenting with chick embryo.

Science Fair At ACHS Planned

Appomattox County High School will hold its Third Annual Science Fair on Friday and Saturday, March 23rd and 24th.

Students in grades 9 through 12 will be involved in the fair. Projects will fall in one of the following categories: Biochemistry, Biology, Human Biology, Physics, Earth and Space Science, Engineering, Math, Invertebrate Zoology and Chemistry.

Projects will be set up and judged on Friday, March 23rd, and the public is invited to view the projects from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday in the high school cafeteria. All projects must be picked up from 11 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday.

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MRS. WALTON'S 4-H CLUB

At our monthly 4-H meeting, Ronald led us in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and another classmate led us in saying the 4-H pledge. We played games and sung a song. Then our secretary read the minutes. Mr. Sweet passed out some forms.

He porter, Rosetta Lewis

PRIMARY MENU

Monday, March 26
Hot Dog on Bun, Slaw, Candied Yams, Milk, Cake
Tuesday, March 27
Beef hash, creamed potatoes, green peas, Roll, butter, milk, orange sections.
Wednesday, March 28
Pizza, tossed salad, potato chips, milk, fruit
Thursday, March 29
Hamburgers, french fries, mixed vegetables, jello-topping
Friday, March 30
Vegetable soup, cheese sandwich, apple sauce, milk, cookie

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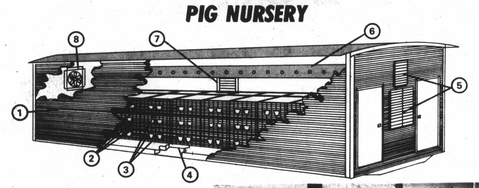

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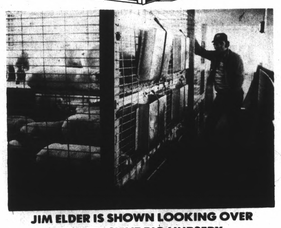

JIM ELDER IS SHOWN LOOKING OVER HIS EFFICIENT PIG NURSERY

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